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MOTION ON STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ITEM NO. 47-B. AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 10, 2004)

Item No. 47-B on the February 9, 2004 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Antonovich to send a five-signature letter to California's Congressional delegation, President Bush, Vice-President Cheney, Office of Management Director Bolten, and Attorney General Ashcroft in support of full reimbursement from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) for the incarceration of undocumented criminal aliens.

SCAAP is funded at \$297 million in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004, and President Bush is proposing to eliminate SCAAP in FFY 2005. The County Sheriff's Department will be submitting the County's application for FFY 2004 SCAAP reimbursement within the next month. When the SCAAP funding level was cut from \$565 million in FFY 2002 to less than \$250 million in FFY 2003, the County's SCAAP revenue fell from \$34 million to less than \$11.5 million.

The Federal Legislative Agenda adopted by your Board on January 20, 2004 includes a policy supporting increased funding for SCAAP to fully reimburse state and local costs of incarcerating criminal aliens. The motion's recommendation to send a five-signature letter in support of full SCAAP reimbursement, therefore, is consistent with current Board policy.

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